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2. Germany had warned passengers of the *Lusitania*. Yes, warned them not to do what they had a clear right to do.

3. England is to blame, so two wrongs make a right.

4. International law is obsolete. Yes, so Germany can write it as suits her pleasure, convenience, or needs for logical explanation. It is the logic of might makes right, that military necessity knows no law.

We have been deliberately slapped in the face by Germany and she is laughing in her sleeve. War with dignity is better than peace with disgrace. That is the way the country feels.

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"BLUNTLY INSINUATING"

SIR,—After reading your article in THE NORTH AMERICAN REVIEW for August, "America First," it seems an imperative duty that I should say, in plain English, you ought to be ashamed of yourself.

You have not quite the courage to say, "if President Wilson doesn't do as I wish, he is no good"—you have not the courage to say quite frankly that the United States must declare war on Germany at any cost—never once do you *dare* say we must go to war; yet, if I understand you, every line breathes this vicious sentiment.

Presupposing that Germany has done everything which you contend she has done—taking the situation just as you think it stands, still your article is contemptible because it *insinuates*—bluntly, it is true—but still *insinuates*, whereas if our country is in the dire straits which you see, it is quite time to be frank. Don't give us any more literary efforts or effusions, but come out for your country in plain English words. Round off your sentences with that frightful word *War*, when you mean War, and don't nicely dodge.

Then we will forgive you whatever side you are on.

Yours none too respectfully,

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BEYOND THE AID OF MAPS

SIR,—What is this new kingdom, "America," about which you make such a fuss with exclamation marks in the August number of the REVIEW? I was born of citizen parents in Maine some time ago; we emigrated first to Massachusetts, then to New Hampshire. I have not traveled very widely in the States, but I have read much concerning them. Never, except in sordid advertisements, have I seen mention of this state (or kingdom) "America." Your flamboyant editorial, "America First!" is not explicative. May I expect from you (or through the REVIEW) an answer to my question: What and where is "America?"

Maps with the text would help, no doubt. If no explicit answer can be given, I should be pleased to entertain the broadest hint you can convey in verse or prose.

I do hope this state or kingdom, "America," is not now like the Prussia of near-mythology which lately emerged in history, most disastrously for the race.

GORDON PINGREE.